

**PEACE
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Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Adult
Bible Class**
10:30 a.m.

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Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends

Our family is preparing for the wedding of our daughter. This is the culmination of a year of planning and preparation. You have to get the pastor (not too hard for Joanne) you have to secure the venue, the caterer, the music, the flowers, the makeup artist, the dress, and suits to fit the occasion. The table settings need to be just right, the colors coordinated, the list is almost endless.

Jesus compares his final coming to preparing for a wedding banquet.

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom." (Matthew 25:1) There were five who were wise and five who were foolish. Five had trimmed their lamps and had oil and were prepared, while five were without and were not ready.

We in this world make great preparations for events that will take up a few hours of our time. Everything has to be right. Jesus would like us to prepare for an event that will take up eternity. He wants us to cultivate our faith in him by regular participation in his word and in the sacraments. These are the ways he fills us with faith and gives us the gifts we will need to be ready when he comes again.

I am sure there are many things on your to do list this summer. I pray that you will complete them and have an enjoyable time. One more thing the writer of Hebrews encourages is important as well. **"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."**

Our whole lives are a preparation for the coming of the King. May our lamps be full and may we all be prepared for that great and glorious day.

~~Pastor Griesse

Father's Day Brunch...

Thank you to all who brought food for the Father's Day Brunch. Also, a big thank you to the women who helped serve and clean.



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, July 15th**. All Peace Lutheran men and a guest are invited to meet at Tailgaters in Selah at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of relaxing and just shooting-the-breeze.

Bible Classes...

- All Bible study classes are on summer break until September.

July O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for a BBQ at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, July 12th** at the **Shotwell's house**. They will need to have a head count to know how many burgers to make, so if you plan to attend please let Marcia know at 697-4543 or shotwell@elltel.net.



Pastor on Vacation...

Pastor & Yvonne will be on vacation July 15-23. If you need pastoral assistance during that time please contact our Head Elder, Mike Phelps, or one of our other Lay Ministers.

Installation Service...

We will have the Installation of Board Officers and Members during the Worship Service on Sunday, July 7th.

Synod Convention...

The 2019 Synod Convention will be held July 20-25 in Florida. At the Synod Conventions a LCMS National Offering is given from each church. If anyone from Peace Lutheran would like to donate towards this National Offering you can do so by writing "Synod Convention" on your check and placing it in the offering plate, or give it to Tammy in the church office.



Independence Day Fun Facts

- This federal holiday, also known as Independence Day, marked the Colonies' adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, which declared independence from the Great Britain and its king,
- The average age of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest was Thomas Lynch, Jr (27) of South Carolina. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin (70) of Pennsylvania. The lead author of The Declaration, Thomas Jefferson, was 33.
- The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the Colonies would appear equal.
- President John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on the Fourth. Adams and Jefferson (both signed the Declaration) died on the same day within hours of each other in 1826.
- Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies.

Spotlight on Peace Member Eileen Bartkus

Eileen Bartkus was born in Yakima, WA. She attended Franklin Jr. High and Yakima High School, graduating in the top 10% of her class.

After graduation her mother told her she was on her own from that time on. She wanted to go to college as she took college prep classes, however, her parents didn't think it was necessary for a girl to go to college. She was interested in art so she went to Y.V.C. to study art for awhile. (You can view samples of her art both at Peace and in her home.)



Eileen was told by her mother than she could go to beauty school or train to be a nurse. Nursing did not appeal to her as she didn't envy some of the responsibilities that nurses had to do (as described by her sister) so it was off to beauty school.

Eileen graduated from beauty school in Tacoma in 1956. While she worked at Rhodes Department Store in the Tacoma area she met Gene Bartkus. They got married in 1957. She lived in the Tacoma area for a total of 13 years (including the time in beauty school).

In 1968, she and Gene moved to Yakima as her father was dying and her mother needed assistance. Gene opened up his own vacuum and sewing shop at 6th & Yakima Avenues. After 16 years Gene decided to retire. During that time Eileen worked at a beauty shop that was next to her mother's home.

In 1975 Eileen answered an ad for Peoples Store and was hired as a bridal consultant and assistant with ladies fashions. This continued for eight years until the store closed down. She then worked at a deli and grocery store for another eight years. She retired in the mid 90's.

Eileen and Gene officially joined Peace Lutheran Church in the 90's and became official Lutherans at that time, having previously attended either Presbyterian or Baptist churches. Both Eileen and Gene were very active members of Peace, having come to love the church position and the members.

After Gene passed away in 2007, Eileen continued attending Peace regularly and participated in many of its activities. The past few years she has lived at Ponderosa Assisted Care facility in Yakima as she finds it difficult to get around. Her daughter, Diane, and Diane's husband help Eileen as much as possible. Eileen says she misses attending and worshiping at Peace Lutheran. She has felt the membership has been so generous and caring. She stated: "It gave me such a feeling of warmth and love that I miss."